

Remarks

Claims 1-50 are pending.

Claims 41-50 are allowed.

Claims 1-40 are rejected.

Claim 1 is amended without prejudice as follows.

Claim 1 is amended to remove the proviso added with the amendment filed January 28, 2004.

In order to maintain the demarcation of the present claims from the disclosure of U.S. Pat. No. 6,344,505, hydroxyl (-OH) is deleted as a possible definition for E₂₂-E₂₆.

Further, a typographical error is corrected under the definition of E₆, "grlups" is amended to "groups".

No new matter is added.

Applicants aver that the 35 USC 112, first paragraph rejections are overcome.

The Examiner is kindly requested to reconsider and to withdraw the present rejections.

Applicants submit that claims 1-50 are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be found allowable.

Respectfully submitted,



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